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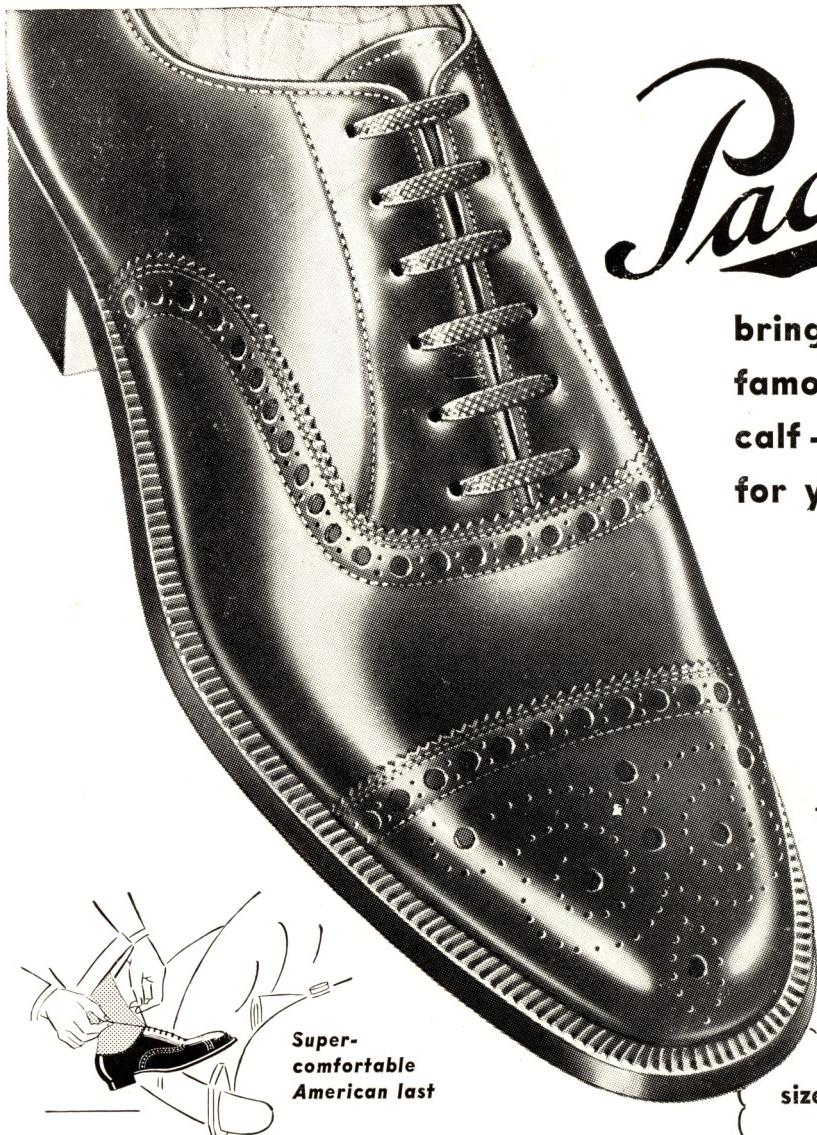
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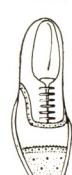
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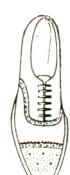
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# KEEPING POSTED

# Merry Christmas

**The Chairman  
and Committee  
wish all members  
A MERRY CHRISTMAS  
and a  
HAPPY NEW YEAR**

AS a contrast to the number of committeemen of interstate and Newcastle Clubs who have been very welcome visitors during the last month or two: our own committee has been a couple of members short. George Chiene and Frank Carberry have both been briefly on the sick list, but are now fit and back in the Club again.

A WORLD tour is not now nearly so unusual as before the War; but you will still find plenty to interest you in conversation with L. S. Snider, who has just returned from a particularly extensive trip to U.S.A., Europe and England. Another member being welcomed back is Len Plasto, just returned from U.S.A.

A VERY near-neighbour of the Club is A. T. M. Whyte, whose advertising firm is placed most conveniently for him just next door. For the past three years Mr. Whyte has been President of N.S.W. side of the Advertising Institute of Australia, an

association devoted to raising and regulating the professional standards of advertising. He must have done a good job, because he now merits the congratulations of his fellow members by being elected to his fourth term.

TALKING of congratulations, let us add ours to Jim Collins, who once again is reported to have carried off the coveted Annual Trophy of Greater Union Theatres. Overcome with his success, he has had to retire to Bega for a month's sick leave—his friends join in hoping for his speedy recovery and return.

SAM LANDS is also still on the sick list—he is having a spell out at Yaralla, and hopes that some of his friends will find time in the next few weeks to get out there to see him.

*LEN PALFREYMAN is the subject of some envy. With Mrs. Palfreyman he has been enjoying the tropical delights of Lord Howe Island for the last week or two.*

IT was a fair day for members at Hawkesbury on Wednesday, November 28th. Greg Keighery, whose fame as an owner has been made more by hounds than horses, earned congratulations when his colt, Keep Up, won the two-year-old Maiden from Our Desire by a short head. Keep Up is by Cragsman out of Quick Sally, and Greg hopes we will soon hear more of him. The Riverstone Stakes were won by Neat Andrew, a St. Andrew colt owned by Jack Mandel—who

## Happy Birthday to You!

### DECEMBER

2 C. G. Murray	15 David Paxton
3 Tom Dwyer	17 E. O. Crowhurst
F. J. Lett	Murt O'Brien
6 P. J. Bray	19 J. T. Jennings
7 A. C. Gelling	20 A. E. Grounds
H. H. Goldberg	A. E. McCartney
8 Les. W. Jones	25 W. Sherman
N. G. Morris	26 H. J. Bartier
D. J. Mooney	27 R. E. Sanderson
10 A. J. McDowell	28 Dr. A. S. Read-
11 C. J. Fahy	ing.
J. M. Sawyer	29 E. J. Hazell
A. F. Thomson	W. K. Dawes
12 W. Gourley	30 C. S. Brice
C. E. Thompson	31 Jack Davis
13 Eric S. Pratt	F. M. Power
14 M. Nieminski	A. G. Leslie
Wm. Longton	

### JANUARY

2 R. J. Burnham	17 G. V. Dunwoodie
3 K. McKinney	18 F. S. Martin
J. O'Riordan	20 W. T. Ridge
Alan Stewart	Clive Dunlop
A. E. Newton	21 C. F. Viner-
J. Kendrick	Hall
5 H. E. Davis	F. E. Ezzy
T. J. Flitcroft	22 J. Hunter
G. D. Schrader	R. M. Kain
7 J. L. Geraghty	A. J. McGill
J. N. Dow	23 A. K. Twist
J. E. Sanderson	H. R. W. Humbley
8 F. G. Spurway	25 D. F. Morand
9 Russell Sharpe	26 A. C. Ingham
L. G. Kluver	W. S. Edwards
10 J. A. Chew	Alec Williams
A. E. W. Simmons	27 H. T. Matthews
11 Col. T. L. F. Rutledge	28 A. E. Bavinton
Howard James	29 J. E. Head,
13 T. R. Boyce	C. A. Arnott
Len Kirkby	30 R. H. Alderson
14 W. C. Allen	31 G. H. Beswick
W. C. Wurth	
16 A. C. W. Hill	
P. Riolo	

**Members are invited to notify the Secretary of the date of their Birthday.**

reputedly lost more than he won on the race. And the Hawkesbury Handicap was won by Royal Andrew, another St. Andrew horse, owned by Jack Mandel's daughter, Mrs. H. Abbott.



## Candid Camera in Hollywood

THE two happy gentlemen, obviously enjoying one of Rex's better after-dinner stories, are Rex Sanderson and American radio star Donald O'Connor. Rex recently returned from a strictly business trip to the States.

### NOTE FROM GORDON BOOTH

HAVE been playing quite a lot of Bowls (indoor)—the "Greens" are a surprise packet. There are over 50 Clubs attached to the E.B.A. (indoor section) and have been to Croydon, Paddington, Crystal Palace and Bounds Green. Have been made an hon. member of the last named. Imagine 120 feet square exclusive of "Banks," completely under cover with green Indian jute over 5/8 in. felt for running surface, pace and draw equal to fairly fast green at home and just as good at night as day.

Appreciated hearing from "The Boys," give my cheerios to the lads at Tatts. Tell them I am looking forward to being amongst them all again soon.

HEALTH Report: W. M. Jennings is out of hospital and on the road to recovery; Charlie Young expects to go into hospital for a short stay, within the next week or two.

HAWKESBURY on November 28th was also a sucessful day for trainer Lou Burke. He saddled Greg Keighery's Keep Up in the first, and also Gallant Roger, winner of the Cattai Novice. He completed his hat-trick for the day with Liberal King, winner of the Flying Welter.

### NOTICE

The Chairman and Committee extend a cordial invitation to Members to attend a Cocktail Party on

**THURSDAY, 20th  
DECEMBER, 1951,  
from 5 to 6 p.m.**

M. D. J. DAWSON,  
Secretary

## EDITORIAL: The Golden Rule

*Now is the season when you should set your successes against your gains, taking successes to signify the material and gains to denote the spiritual.*

*For, if you believe that a glittering show of successes naturally means gains, you surely have another think coming.*

*What, maybe, have you lost in succeeding? A friendship forfeited; a trust destroyed? Maybe not; then, happy are you.*

*You have accumulated reserves that will avail you in the year ahead.*

*Whatever be the stresses, you will be able to call up friendships, if need be, because the law*

*of compensation operates as inexorably as the law of retribution.*

*Don't lose sight of the hazards, however.*

*Men, many men, in their obsession for realism and for what is called the positive outlook, have lost touch with the intangibles — faith, hope, charity, tolerance, compassion, forgiveness.*

*Success, meaning individual gain, has been set up in a new shrine.*

*Fellows, the world may be made a better world only by spiritual regeneration, by more loyal and abiding observance of the Golden Rule.*

*With this thought, the Chairman and members of the Committee wish one and all a happy Christmas and a prosperous New Year.*

## KEEPING POSTED— *Continued*

TWO more members on the sick list: Harry Woolf and A. A. Murrell, both in St. Vincent's. We hope they'll be back on their feet before the 25th.

NOW that the festive season is in full swing, members are reminded of the advantages of visiting the first floor, particularly on Thursdays and Fridays — when many hard-to-get items are disposed of in the usual way.

ANOTHER member who has arrived back at the proper season is Lionel Abrahams, just returned from a quick trip to the States. And we're glad to see L. I. Stuart, also recently returned from overseas.

**Attention is drawn to the Club rule that members must remain in the company of visitors brought by them into the Club.**

M. D. DAWSON,  
Secretary.

## BOWLING NOTES



## Good Match to Bondi

**October-November are the quiet months in bowls, and one match has been played. There have been, however, good attendances at the Thursday roll-up games at Double Bay.**

THURSDAY, Nov. 22, saw us in action against Bondi at Double Bay, and although beaten, we had a very enjoyable afternoon. In all four matches have been played against Bondi Club, and the score now stands two each. Early in the New Year we will play the final test for the rubber, and at full strength hope to win the ashes.

Scores:—Bavinton, Silk, Williams, McIntosh (T.), 23; Fallon, Halgreen, Sirdon, M. Amey (B.), 19. Todd, Donald, Phillip, Honewell (B.), 33; Abbott, Dewdney, Chatterton, Eaton (T.), 27. Lamb, Storker, Crayden, Kelly (B.), 28; Ball, Monro, Jones, Hill (T.), 22. Beaumont, Deverell, Murray, Froud (B.), 25; Chew, Hole, Glynn, Traversi (T.), 18. Amey, Cooper, Barr, Levy (B.), 34;

Mitchell, Hathaway, McDonald, Young (T.), 22. Totals: Tatt's 112, Bondi 139.

A number of our members took part in the recent Blue Mountain Carnival, including Alf. Bloomfield, Harold Hill, Norbert Jones, Ted Dewdney, Dug Fittner and Cec Davis, and although no prizes were collected, all performed well and spent a most enjoyable week with the 1,200 bowlers competing.

Although only a short time in the game, Joe Saulwick has shown rapid improvement, and has been selected to play for Double Bay Club in the forthcoming pennant games. Good work, Joe.

We take this opportunity of wishing the Chairman, Executive and all Club Members a very Happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.



## BOOKING OFFICE FIRST FLOOR

**A Booking Office is operating for the convenience of Members.**

**Members requiring plane travel, theatre or stadium seats, hire cars or floral work may call or 'phone.**

HOURS:

Mon. to Fri.: 11.30 to 2.30, 3.30 to 7.45; Saturdays: 11 to 2.30, 3.30 to 7.

M. D. J. DAWSON, Secretary.

## CLUB PERSONALITIES OF THE MONTH.

# **Ted Dewdney— Man of Many Friendships**

**Edward George Dewdney, president of Tattersall's Bowling Club, also played, in his time, cricket, football and tennis, but he selects bowls as "a game that produces more comradeship than any other pastime" and as "the greatest of all social levellers," because "men play bowls for the pleasure they get out of the game."**

**W**HAT does it take to play bowls? He says: "A good deal of skill, concentration and patience."

Further: "Not all bowlers are possessed of those qualities. Many have to set about acquiring them by the hard way. Some only half succeed, but they get by as long as they are not lacking in good-fellowship, the heart to lose as well as the will to win."

Ted Dewdney played No. 2 Pennant Games with Double Bay Club and was a member of the team which won the No. 4 Pennant in 1946.

He started to play bowls in 1942, became vice-president of Double Bay Club in the following year and held that office until deciding not to seek re-election last year.

Of Tattersall's Club he says: "We are a happy family of 120. We play a match every week

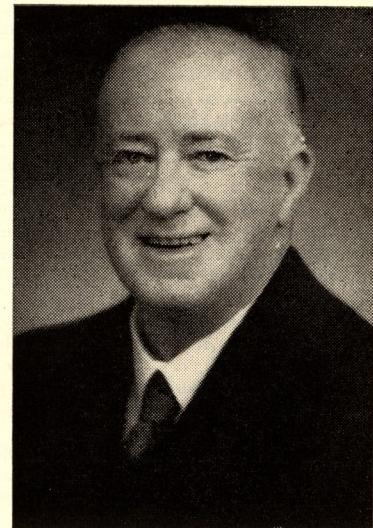
against another club or among ourselves."

Ted liked football so much that he played under an assumed name. That was not to worry his mother who believed that his father had died as the result of a kick he sustained over the heart while playing a game as captain of The King's School.

Ted's father, Government district surveyor at Ballina, died when Ted was 18 months old.

The lad was taken by his mother to Germantown (later named Holbrook) and in due course attended Albury Grammar School. He joined the staff of the Commercial Banking Company of Sydney in 1902 and retired in 1948 with the rank of Resident Western Inspector.

His first managerial job was at Lake Cargelligo, of which he has happy memories because of the opportunities provided for fishing and shooting.



*Ted Dewdney, genial and popular president of Tattersall's Bowling Club.*

He shot later with the N.S.W. Gun Club and recalls among the best marksmen Pickering, Fagan and Hill.

He served in World War I with the 1st A.L.H. and came through the tough fighting of that campaign.

Although retired from the hurly-burly, he has a great zest for living.

Life has endowed him with a happy disposition and a pleasant philosophy which have won for him enduring friendships and goodwill in the hearts of men, enrichments which few can claim in such abundant measure.

# CLUB MEMBERSHIP

The Club Membership List was recently opened for a period of one month, and 1,150 applications were received. A ballot was held as to the order in which such applications should be considered. The limit of membership was increased from 2,000 to 2,200, the additional 200 to be admitted from time to time at the discretion of the Committee at the rate of not more than 25 per month. It is proposed to publish in this magazine a further series of the names of applicants. The following are to be considered in rotation. This is List No. 8.

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PECK, Arthur G.	Dental Surgeon	Hurstville	City	R. J. Saunders	N. J. Suckling
SIMBLIST, Samuel	Solicitor	Belle Vue Hill	City	A. Lande	J. Davis
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SCHAAF, Basil E.	Company Director	Sydney	City	H. D. Saw	W. G. Harris
WARE, Kenneth L.	Administrative Executive	Rose Bay	City	S. Kaaten	S. H. Wilson
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## IN AND OUT OF THE POOL

# Laforest Takes Early Lead

**Star of the first month of the new swimming season was Geoff Laforest by his fine form in taking out the first Point Score Trophy with a sparkling record of two firsts and a second in finals.**

THIS is Geoff's second year with the Club and though he showed good form last season he did not land a trophy. At any rate he has started 1951-2 on the right foot and he would have had a good start in the second monthly Point Score but after swimming second in a final he won a heat in partnership with George Goldie only to hear the Check Starter disqualify him for being a bit over eager in his start.

Popular George Goldie must be a bad influence on his partners for in an earlier Brace Relay Handicap Cedric Emanuel beat the gun and after winning heard the fatal word—"Out!"

The Swimming Club seems all set to have its best season as the six events held so far have averaged 32-starters.

Next really big function of the Club will be on Tuesday, 18th December, when the annual Christmas Scramble will be held.

There will be the traditional Teams Race between teams of up to a dozen men aside and the Consolation Handicap for the quick turners — six times across the Pool.

As usual there will be an abundance of prizes of seasonal cheer.

Latest new member to show his pace is Les Fingleton, a cheery chap who has been in the public eye for quite a few

years, one way and another. Last Federal election Les gave Joe Fitzgerald, M.H.R., a good run for his money in the Phillip electorate. His first race in the Club gave him a third heat placing in partnership with Vic Bulgin.

Committeeman Don Wilson had his first splash of the season but as it was not in a Brace Relay he was out of the placings.

Two former "Native Son" Trophy winners in Sid Lorking and Bruce Chiene have been regulars, but the latter has not struck form.

Sid, however, is going rather well and is a close second in the current Point Score series.

Alan Stewart, third in last season's championship, has been trying himself out but so far the Handicapper has his measure.

Malcolm Fuller's reappearance in the races after his trip overseas was further postponed by a month's trip to Melbourne. Judging by his pace in practice swims it won't be long before he's first to the judges.

Best swims of the month were: 18.4 secs., W. Kendall; 20, Bruce Hodgson; 20.4, J. O. Dexter; 20.8, M. Sellen; 21.4, G. Laforest; and 21.8, H. E. Davis.

### Results

November 6 — 40 Yards Handicap: 1st Division Final—G. Goldie (34), 1, G. Laforest

(22), 2, Neil Barrell (22), 3. Time 34 secs. 2nd Division Final—T. M. Wayland (26), 1, J. N. Creer (27), 2, M. Sellen (21), 3. Time 24.2 secs.

November 13—80 Yards Brace Relay Handicap: J. N. Creer and C. Emanuel (48), 1, S. Murray and M. Sellen (45), 2, S. B. Solomon and J. Adams (49), 3. Time 47 secs.

November 20—40 Yards Handicap: 1st Division Final—J. N. Creer (27), 1, G. Laforest (22), 2, S. Lorking (23), 3. Time 25.4 secs. 2nd Division Final—H. E. Davis (22), 1, Neil Barrell (22), 2, J. O. Dexter (21), 3. Time 21.8 secs.

November 27—80 Yards Brace Relay Handicap: W. B. Phillips and C. Hoole (45), 1, S. Lorking and Neil Barrell (45), 2, K. Francis and W. Kirwan (49), 3. Time 44.2 secs.

### October-November Point Score

This series resulted — G. Laforest, 26½ points, 1; Neil Barrell, 22, 2; M. Sellen, 21½, 3; W. B. Phillips and J. N. Creer, 21, 4; G. Eastment, G. Goldie, J. Adams, F. G. Harvie and S. Murray, 18, 6; C. Hoole, 17½, 11; S. B. Solomon, 15, 12; K. Francis, W. K. Sherman and A. McCamley, 14½, 13; T. M. Wayland, W. Kirwan and V. Thicknesse, 14, 16.

### November-December Point Score

With two events to complete it, the leaders in this series are: Neil Barrell, 13½, S. Lorking, 12½, H. E. Davis, J. N. Creer and C. Hoole, 12, J. O. Dexter, 10½, W. B. Phillips, 10, K. Francis and W. Kirwan, 9½, G. Laforest and B. Hodgson, 9, J. Shaffran and A. K. Webber, 8, J. Adams, 7½, W. G. Dovey, F. G. Harvie, D. K. Donald, 7.

# "A Bookmaker Abroad"

**The dominant impression of modern travel is speed. Cut schedules, decrease flying time, increase comfort.**

FNE arrives at Mascot some time before noon. The plane is off without fuss or delay. The seats are deep and comfortable. The hostess distributes newspapers. Would you care for a drink, writing paper, a pillow? Nine in the evening. Nandi, Fiji, is hot. Dinner is served. Fijian waiters moving noiselessly in bare feet. The early hours, still hot, but a breeze is stirring across the air strip at Canton Island. The hostesses dismantle the seats. Soon the airliner is a dormitory. A hot breakfast. How did they manage to prepare that? Again forenoon. Diamond Head, Pearl Harbour, Honolulu.

A hotel amid palm trees, a beach at the door. Fragrant leis of tropical flowers in the bedroom. A deceptive pineapple by the bedside. The tuft lifts off and inside the skin are the neat slices. Hula dancers, Nisei Japs, tropical shirts of flowered design, American drug stores and Sears Roebuck. Everywhere leis and more leis.

This time the plane is different. There are two decks, the lower deck a lounge. Slippers are provided and aperitifs. Dinner is of four courses with champagne. Night in San Francisco. One needs a top coat. Just tell the driver of the service coach where you would like to be dropped in town.

The Top of the Mark. A few moments in the express elevator. The most picturesque hotel lounge in the world, says the San Franciscan. The steep descent of Nob Hill below and magnificent panorama of multi-coloured lights. Fisherman's

Wharf. A larger and more tawdry version of the picturesque old original . . . Finocchio's; nobody ever goes there but everybody has been.

Chicago, late afternoon. Snowflakes slowly eddying and mostly vanishing before they reach the ground. Two thousand bedrooms in the Stevens. Can you think of a larger hotel? Hardly, but the St. Enoch in Glasgow has a longer corridor, if that will help. The world's largest electric sign and the most complicated system of municipal tunnels. A city beneath a city. A roadway adjustable to different levels. The gallery—a room of Renoirs, another. A room of Rembrandts, of Van Goghs.

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## AN IMPRESSION BY HARRY AUSTIN

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East Maddison Street. Nothing synthetic about this skid row.

This time the lounge is aft. Touchdown in Washington. Here, they say, a plane a minute. People dine on the airport terrace and watch the show. Quite a fad in Europe, too. New York from the air at night. An Alice Adventure overground. Moving streams of light from the traffic far below. Jersey City, Brooklyn, Queens, The Bronx, Manhattan. Humanity at saturation point. That oasis of light in the one dark spot? The amusement park and night spots of the Palisades.

Greenwich Village, The Jumble Shop, MacDougall Alley, Thomas Woolf dined here, and

Hemingway. A fashionable and expensive alley. The Steak Joint, Larre's and Toots Schors. A cent for a penny. Only an alchemist could live here on Australian money. The Frick Collection. Boucher and Fragonard. Infinite riches in a little room. The Morgan Library. First editions of one Daniel Defoe, a former London newspaper editor. The Circle Line around the island. The tiny skating rink at Rockefeller Centre. From Fort Tryon to the Battery. Every race and every tongue.

The long hop across the Atlantic from Gander. The air pressure system gives trouble. The children across the aisle are fretful. Morning in Shannon. The neat patchwork fields of the evergreen isle. London airport. Customs and Immigration. So courteous and efficient. In no time at all, the service coach is passing the familiar landmarks of the West End. Hammersmith, Pimlico, Victoria. The Aberdonian Kipper. Britain's breakfast. Luncheon and dinner? Largely a matter of memory . . . A steak at the Lord Belgrave. The museum that is Rule's. Kettner's and the Ivy. A flower pour Madame de Genaro's. Somehow it all belongs in the past. London, like Rome, is eternal, but the London of to-day is not the London of yesterday.

Paris in the Springtime. The steep climb to Sacre Coeur. Are those artists in the little square really waiters providing atmosphere for the tourists in their spare moments? After scrutinising a canvas or two, some of them could be waiters, at that. The groliers of the Bibliotheque Nationale and a saunter from Place Clichy to Place Blanche

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## HANDBALL.

# Bill Sellen Jnr. and Eddie Davis Finalists for Winooka Trophy

**Before detailing our competition for the "Winooka Trophy," I would like to take this opportunity of wishing all Club members "A Merry Xmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year." May 1952 be a happy year for you all!**

OUR competition has progressed rapidly since last month, leaving only the final match to be played, but as this will not be decided before this issue is published, I will give you the results to date.

Round 3: W. H. Sellen (18), 41, defeated Geoff Eastment (21), 36; George Goldie (23), 41, defeated Grahame Pratten (22), 35; Peter Lindsay (8), 41, defeated John Jenner (21), 32; E. E. Davies (Scratch), 41, defeated Clarrie Woodfield (10), 28.

Round 4 — Semi-Finals: W. H. Sellen (18), 41, defeated George Goldie (23), 37; E. E. Davies (Scratch), 41, defeated Peter Lindsay (8), 32.

Thus, young Bill Sellen on 18 is opposed to Eddie Davis on Scratch for the final, and we are all looking forward to a good game, which all members are cordially invited to attend, as they can be assured of some very pleasant entertainment by two splendid athletes. May the best man win.

Last month I described three games which, in my opinion, were worthy of mention, and this month I have selected the following:

1. Peter Lindsay v. John Dexter in Round 2. 2. Bill Sellen (Jnr.) v. George Goldie in Semi-Final. 3. Eddie Davis v. Peter Lindsay in Semi-Final.

The first game between Peter Lindsay and John Dexter was not mentioned previously, because I had limited my descrip-

tions to three games, but it was one which remained fresh in my memory, the final score being Peter 43—John 41. The game was played at a fast pace, and John appeared to have it in the bag when leading 40 to 38, but Peter's greater experience, plus a fighting heart, levelled the score at 40 and he then went on to win 43/41. However, I can assure you that John put up a great show and went down fighting. Congratulations, Peter!

The second game between Bill Sellen, Jnr., and George Goldie was a case of Youth versus Age. Bill, a fine specimen of young manhood, was opposed by George Goldie, who would be described by many of us as past his prime—but Bill needed all of his youth to overcome the subtlety and experience of our veteran, George. The scores were very close at 41/36, and the game was played in the best tradition of the Handball Club, Bill prevailing only after a long struggle. This, being a semi-final, gave Bill the privilege of being the first to enter the final.

The other semi-final between Eddie Davis and Peter Lindsay was, in my opinion, the best game of the series to date, the final scores being 41/32. However, the result was much closer than the scores indicate. Both men appeared trained to the minute and to have a set purpose in their play. Peter had a start of 8 on handicaps and maintained that advantage until well into the twenties, when

Eddie raised that extra effort and, breaking through Peter's service, drew level. By maintaining the pressure, he took the lead shortly afterwards, and try as Peter might, he could not peg him back.

Eddie gradually improved his advantage and ran out a comfortable winner. Congratulations to Eddie Davis for a fine win; and to Peter Lindsay for a fine effort and a sporting acceptance of defeat.

On a finishing note, I would like to mention the chaps who have been umpiring the games in this competition—George McGilvray, Sammy Block and Arthur McCamley. This trio has been around to umpire every game, and I am sure that the competitors have appreciated their efforts. "Thanks, fellows!"

## Personal Notes

Jack Shaffran is home from his trip abroad, and George Goldie has now taken his proper place in Club affairs once more.

## OBITUARIES

REG. SOLOMON,  
Elected 22/8/1938;  
Died 6/11/1951.

ALFRED AUBREY,  
Elected 8/5/1933;  
Died 6/11/1951.

Dr. T. A. DALY,  
Elected 14/5/1928;  
Died 19/11/1951.

G. H. R. BARLOW,  
Elected 12/2/1951;  
Died 23/11/1951.

R. S. WHITE,  
Elected 29/3/1943;  
Died 4/12/1951.

# “Swords for Two— Coffee For One”

## SPORT OF FENCING WAS ONCE MATTER OF LIFE OR DEATH

The art of offence and defence with the sword, most commonly known as “fencing,” has only lately entered the realms of sport. Now firmly established as one of the sections of the Olympics, fencing has rather more interest to Australia than formerly because of the arrival into Australia of several ranking European swordsmen among our migrants since the war. Whether we shall ever be able to make our way in international competition is very doubtful, but at least some of these “New Australians” should serve to raise our standards in this sport that calls for the skill of championship tennis, the subtle intelligence of a chess-player, and the agility of a ballet dancer.

FENCING at its finest is still based upon the principles of life-or-death perfection; perhaps that is why it has a certain grim coldness about it, a sense of individual combat that is a little alien to natures nurtured in the tradition of cricket, football and athletics. Quite apart from ourselves, neither the British nor the Americans have ever shone at fencing. The finest exponents have been the French, the Austrians and the Italians, and these nationalities have dominated the sport ever since it moved from the realms of duelling.

The development of swordplay makes a fascinating history. In the beginning, individual combats were mostly challenges between the “champions” of opposing armies; in biblical times, it was occasionally agreed that the outcome of an approaching battle should be determined by the outcome instead of such an individual combat — a very sensible idea. The contestants, if they chose swords, always carried a shield — the two were considered inseparable, and skill consisted in the attack with the sword, defence with the shield.

In the Roman gladiatorial combats, the same idea persisted; shields were often man-high and cumbersome. Later, in mediaeval times, complete body armour was added, and a combat between two swordsmen resolved itself into seeing who could smite hard enough with a heavy sword to dent or cut the steel plate his opponent was wearing — in other words, the emphasis was on strength rather than on skill.

Then came the impact of the invention of gunpowder, which outmoded all contemporary ideas of combat just the same way the atomic bomb is probably outmoding all present strategy and tactics. Soon, body armour and shields were discarded as useless against the cannon and musket-ball, and for close-quarter work the light sabre or “broadsword” came into favour. Experts in swordplay found that the point of the sword was often as effective as the blade; for the old shield, they substituted

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a dagger, on the blade and hilt of which the lighter blows and thrusts of the opponent's sword could be caught.

Thus, by about 1650, the fencing-masters of Italy were teaching a most comprehensive and scientific system of blows, thrusts and parries with sword and dagger, that bore some relation to the modern ideas of swordsmanship.

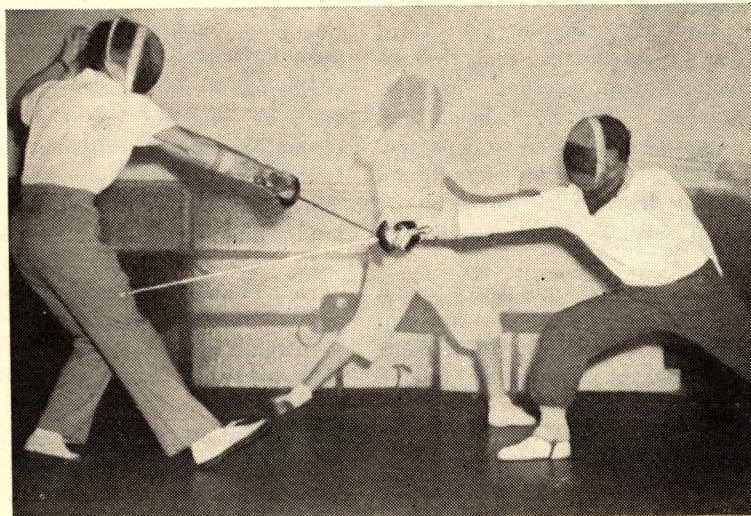
Another factor had a big influence on swordplay. In feudal times, the times when sword-bearing gentlemen were swathed in head-to-foot armour, a legal system of challenge had been fostered. In most civil suits, and some criminal ones, the re-

spondent had the right to challenge the plaintiff to trial of the case by combat. This had the support of the feudal overlord — it was an easy way of disposing of difficult suits and suitors; and it had ecclesiastical blessing, because it was felt that God would not allow injustice in the outcome of a challenge. Long after armour had been discarded and swordplay between two gentlemen had therefore become rather more deadly, this right of challenge persisted — in fact, the last legally issued challenge in England was as late as 1830, in a "private" suit alleging murder. From legal challenges, it was a small step

to the challenge and duel on points of honour — or on any disagreement at all. From 1650 until 1800, duelling with swords was the prerogative of the "gentleman," and ability with the weapon was a social as well as a vital necessity. Duelling flourished in France, Italy, Spain and Austria, and the art of swordsmanship flourished accordingly. About 1750, the discovery was made that the sword could be used for defence as well as attack, and the complicated series of parries and disengages were developed. Around 1800, counters were developed from all parries — parry and "riposte" were blended into the one deadly movement. Then came double and multiple feints, until the expert planned almost every thrust, parry, riposte and disengage into a series almost as complicated as the gambits of a master of chess.

Meantime, duelling had been fighting a long but losing battle with the Law. Because the right of challenge had started out as a legal procedure, duelling long persisted in having an extra-legal quality. In France, for instance, although laws were passed that reduced duelling to its proper status of formalised murder, prosecutions on that basis never had any popular sanction. Napoleon probably finished duelling for the French with his remark: "Good duellist

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# SUMMARY OF SPORTS

## TENNIS

FIFTY-ONE years ago last August, on the porch of the Longwood Cricket Club, just a few miles outside of Boston, U.S.A., three young men stood, making history.

The day was very humid, and the hats the young bloods carried were made of straw. Solemnly the youngest of the three dug his hands into the hats that were now held upturned by the other two, who were dressed in long white flannel trousers and open-neck white shirts.

Holding one of the hats was tall, sunburned Harvard University student, Dwight Filles Davis; the other was held by Arthur W. Gore, captain of the team of three players who had just arrived from the British Isles at the invitation of the United States L.T.A., to play tennis matches against the Americans.

The slight young man whose hands reached into the hats was Holcombe Ward, a member of America's team and later to reign for ten years as president of the U.S.L.T.A. The occasion was the draw for the first matches of the International Lawn Tennis Challenge Trophy Cup, now more popularly known as the Davis Cup.

If anyone should have been excited by the occasion it was young Davis, for the trophy he had presented about six months earlier was the prize for the matches about to be played. But as he was one of the participants, his main interest was which of the British players he would meet in the contest. It was E. D. Black, and to the

surprise of all, including Mr. Black, Davis won, three sets to one.

The other member of the drawing party, A. W. Gore, representing England, had in the opening match been severely handled by the reigning American champion, Malcolm Whitman, to the tune of 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.

Next day Master Ward showed his paces when he paired with Dwight Davis to complete the rout, beating E. D. Black and H. Roper Barrett in straight sets.

Rain interrupted the third day's proceedings, and the remaining two matches were unfinished. The Englishmen had a boat to catch, and so departed.

Thus the first Challenge Round of the Davis Cup was won by the U.S.A., by three matches to nil.

It's a pity Dwight Davis could not see the interest that his Cup has added to international competition — culminating in the Challenge Round here in Sydney at the end of this month.

## BOXING

A YOUNG man who would never be picked as a boxer will fight Tommy Burns at Sydney Stadium in a bout originally scheduled for December 17, but now postponed.

The fight will be billed by Stadiums Ltd. as being for the Australian welterweight title.

The unlikely-looking boxer is South Australian Len Dittmar, now comfortably settled with his wife and two children at Eagle Junction, a northern Brisbane suburb.

Dittmar is an ornament to the

fight game — quiet, unassuming and more concerned about his family than his fortunes in the ring.

His retiring nature has retarded his ring career. If he had pushed his claims earlier he would have fought for the welter title long ago.

Since he started fighting as a lad of 16 in preliminary bouts at Adelaide in 1942, he has had 39 fights for 32 wins, one draw, and six losses.

After the last war Len moved to Melbourne in the hope of getting bigger fights and was managed by Ambrose Palmer.

Despite his undoubted ring talents, he was not popular with promoters, and his fights were few and far between.

Because he thought Queensland climate would benefit his wife and young son, Dittmar moved to Brisbane in 1949, and he has no regrets.

Dittmar is a tradesman in the ring and he does not waste punches.

He is not a spectacular fighter, but is a sound boxer with a hard punch in both hands — particularly the right.

He beat a number of local fighters easily and was given the State welterweight title after previous holder Carlo Prandoni retired.

He then created a fine impression by giving Singapore middleweight Boy Brookes a real hiding before the fight was stopped in the eighth round.

Very light and wispy hair and a receding hairline have earned Dittmar the nickname of "Baldy" from fight fans.

He has had his most import-

# TOPICS

## *in 60-second sketches*

ant successes this year—points wins over national welter champion Mickey Tollis, and Bobby Greville, both in Melbourne.

Dittmar will probably be the outsider against Burns, but many Queenslanders who have followed the careers of both men will put their money on "Baldy" to take the title.

### ATHLETICS

AUSTRALIA'S prospects of winning titles at the Olympic Games at Helsinki next year are greater than in any previous year.

Performance data from overseas shows that in swimming, track and field, cycling, wrestling and rowing, Australia has athletes capable of winning.

Nine Olympic champions could be:

Rowing: Mervyn Wood (N.S.W.).

Swimming: John Marshall (Victoria), freestyle; John Davies (N.S.W.), breaststroke.

Cycling: Russell Mockridge (Victoria), sprint; John Tressider (N.S.W.), time trial.

Track-Field (Women): Marjorie Jackson (N.S.W.), sprint; Shirley Strickland (W.A.), hurdles.

Wrestling: Dick Garrard (Vic.), Jim Armstrong (N.S.W.).

Unless these athletes lose form in the coming season they seem to be in a position where they can prepare for their trip.

What of other candidates? There are probably many who will impress in their respective sports before the team is chosen, but are they good enough to finish in the first six of the world?

In the 400m. fields Currota

and Carr, each 47.5s runners, would be possible Olympic finalists.

Peter Mullins was sixth in the Olympic decathlon in London and has improved since in America. Peter Cox, Geoff Goodacre, and George Gedge all have recognition by world statisticians in their latest compilations.

There are many other sections of sport that have not been touched, such as boxing, fencing and weight lifting, in which Australia probably has many worth-while aspirants.

Further, some of Australia's sprinters, such as John Treloar (N.S.W.) and Bill de Gruchy (W.A.), half-milers Jim Bailey and Jackson Mahony (N.S.W.), high jumpers Doug Stewart and J. Vernon (N.S.W.), marathon men Bob Prentice and Gordon Stanley (Vic.), are capable of

the Olympic standards.

Young swimmers Bob Barry, Ron Sharpe, Les O'Keefe, Rex Aubrey, Barrie Kelleway and David Hawkins are improving rapidly.

The field could be widened by inclusion of the water polo players, the yachting classes, and marksmen.

Water polo players and the sailing organisations are planning to raise their own finances; the Rowing Association is also seeking funds.

In this they will relieve the Olympic Federation of some of the heavy expenses that will be necessary to send a team.

### GOLF

SINCE 1937, when he amazed the American golfing public with his first major tournament win, Sam Snead has been the idol of the American galleries.

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Possessing the finest natural swing of any U.S. golfer, he is truly a "golfer's golfer."

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No greater compliment can be paid Snead than to have his brother professionals come over on the practice fairway and spend their time watching his effortless power.

When he came out of the West Virginia Hills, Snead was unknown nationally.

He soon gained prominence with his long drives for, unlike most big hitters, this newcomer kept his 300-yard plus tee shots on the fairway.

To-day Snead is the greatest attraction on the American courses.

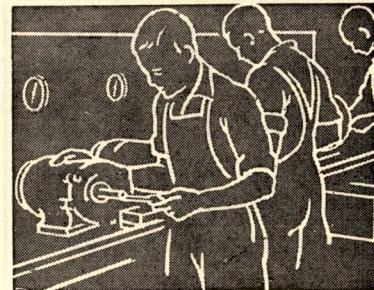
Although Ben Hogan is the U.S. Open champion, Snead will outdraw him in gallery size any time.

Snead was the first modern golfer to use the upright swing with marked success.

By using a wide arc in his swing he generates tremendous power with apparent ease and grace.

In 1940 Snead was a good deal longer from the tee than at present — he was a bolder player in those days.

To-day he controls his power most of the time, but still has those 350-yard drives up his sleeve.



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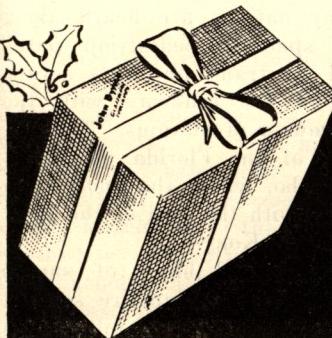
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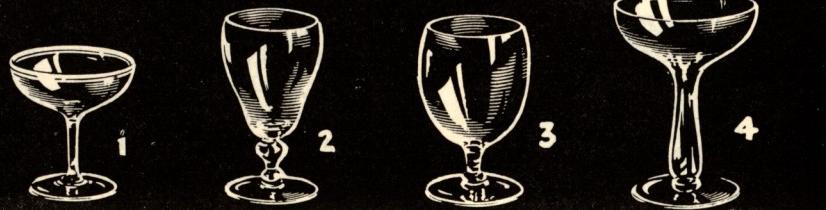
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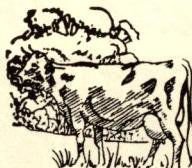
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and the Pigalle at midnight. Weber's in the Rue Royale and the Tour d'Argent, where, the gossip runs, the lights are low to mask the blanched features of the guests when they receive their checks.

Mont St. Michel, solitary and magnificent, encadred by the green foliage outside the window of a Chateau. The Omellette de la Mere Roularde and the pottery of Quimper. Dinard, Dinant and St. Malo. The ancient walled city almost completely destroyed. Was it really necessary to bomb St. Malo, San Marino or Feldkirsch? The solemnity of Lourdes where three Cathedrals crown the mount. The chant of a thousand voices—"Bernadotte, priez pour nous." The Cassoulet of Toulouse, a ragout with broad beans and a bottle of Cotes de Bourg, one of Bordeaux' best. The Jurançon, wine of the Pays Basques, with Fraises de Bois, the tiny wild strawberry. The incredible celerity of the players of Pelota, handball on the grand scale.

The red and gold of Imperial Spain. The ever-present call of the lottery ticket vendor "para hoy," for to-day. The ragged women with trailing children and outstretched hand "Para Comidas," to buy food. The Plaza de Toros, Manolete, who died one August Sunday four years ago in the Plaza de Linares was the greatest of them all. So says the Spaniard. Aparicio is good and so is Litri, as was Belmonte. There was only one Manolete. Every movement has its name. The Veronica, Paese Naturale, Estocada. A Paese a Rodillas, and the crowd is on its feet thundering "Ole, Ole." The Torreador, sinking to his knees, has caused the bull to charge behind his back, the horns missing

him by a bare inch. He is on his feet again, cool and unmoved, as he takes the sword for the death thrust.

Breakfast is the continental Cafe Complet. Luncheon, three to four, dinner ten to eleven. Madrid is so very hot in Summer. Neither coats nor neckties are removed, for in Spain the conventions are observed rigidly. Life in the grand manner for those with money. Paelia Valenciana, a superb fried rice dish with sea food, chicken, snails and octopus. Zarzuela de Pescado, really a bouillabaisse with brown sauce in place of saffron. Mountain trout at the Edelweiss in Madrid. Majoreca and the monastery at Valdemosa, where once Chopin and George Sand spent a winter.

Barcelona; Las Rambles, one of Europe's best known thoroughfares, where the tongues of many nations are heard along the spacious pedestrian paths and the trams and cars scrape by on the roadway with the narrowest of margins. The terrace of the Florida on Mount Tibidabo, where the vista compares with the Pali or the Peak at Hong Kong.

The sword blade of superb steel is bent in an arc so that the tip touches the hilt, which is itself of inlaid gold in tooled arabesques. The craft came from Damascus — five hundred years ago, and the finest craftsmen are here in Toledo. The Alcazar, where quarter was neither asked nor given. The house of El Greco, hardly touched by time.

The Cote d'Azur and its narrow, winding roads. The traffic is fast and the accidents are many. Here, to "doubler" is to risk one's life. The Promenade des Anglais with fewer English than ever before. The sum-

mit of the Grande Corniche, a view to be remembered. A Principality which is famed for a Museum of Marine Biology and in greater measure for the vagaries of a little ball.

The Riviera dei Fiori and the coast road from San Remo to Genoa. Here there are visitors, to be sure, but the accent is less on luxury. There are many workers in the fields and they are not all men. A row of billboards welcomes one to Florence. Culture, of course. Singer Sewing Machines and the ubiquitous Coca Cola are to be remembered as well. Fiesole, where once reigned a civilisation older than that of the Roman conqueror. A Carthusian Monastery; in a vast building, but a dozen monks remain. A life of silent asceticism, sought by few. The green Chartreuse is a little fiery, hardly appropriate to mid-afternoon.

Rome, city of churches, of golden Frascati, of Canneloni to perfection in Trastevere — and the Rome American. Italia, the forty-ninth State. Americanisation is rapid enough, but the Lambretta, a tiny motor scooter, is essentially Italian. Petrol is scarce and twenty kilometres to the litre is worthwhile. Three people on a motor scooter, a frequent sight.

The last few hundred yards of the ascent of Vesuvius are arduous. The car is left at road's end; ankle deep in lava, one trudges laboriously behind the guide. The view at night, or for the very hardy, at sunrise, is worth the effort. Far below, twinkle the lights of Naples. Inland is the flare of a petrol cracking plant. The outline of the coast from Castellamare, refuge of Pompeii's survivors, to Sorrento, is dim. A car winds slowly up the long ascent.

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The men who selected the site of Tattersall's Club were wise in their day and generation. This city of ours is a great city, although we say it ourselves. It is already a greater city than any in the British Isles, excepting London—though I would say that with diffidence to a Scotsman, who reveres his "Auld Reekie," and at a safe distance to an Irishman, who loves his Dublin. Nevertheless, Sydney is bigger than both of them put together.

AND for the future, our rivals are not in the race. The centre of the world's gravity is shifting gradually to the Pacific, and Sydney's convenient and commanding position on the shores of that great ocean assure it pre-eminence for ever.

When cities grow, they expand both outwards and upwards. May we therefore pay homage to the

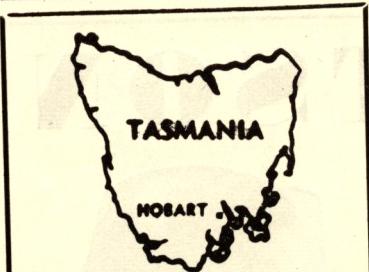
foresight of the clear-thinking committeemen who decided that Tattersall's Club should remain in the heart of the city, and yet in such a position that it could never be built out. Even so, though the future of the Club was very much in their minds, I doubt whether any of the members realised how singularly appropriate was their choice of the site. How many of them, if any, knew enough of Australian history to know that they had placed the frontage of the building as a grandstand to the winning post of the first racecourse established in Australia?

The windows of the great lounge room of the Club frame pictures finer than anything ever put on canvas; fresh and ever-changing pictures of which one can never tire; restful, yet full of life; soothing, yet full of light; satisfying for their completeness, their interest, and their variety. We could be content if these pictures were restricted to their foreground of green, with its trees and shrubs of their native Australia, of trees that are symbols of the land of our forefathers, and a clump of palms that transports us at once to the South Sea isles. Yet across the park our windows frame a view of buildings of which can be written almost the beginnings of our country's his-

tory in all its phases; churches, courts, a school, a hospital, a museum, and a house of record which contains the name of every one of us, living or dead. Nearly all these places, young as we are, over a hundred years old. Of each one can be told an interesting story, but in this article I will confine myself, appropriately perhaps, to the park in front of us, the scene of the first Australian racecourse, and the first organised race meeting.

We will have to go back quite a while. Governor Phillip, the founder of the city, pioneer and prophet, had gone back to England, but was still living in obscure retirement. He it was who declared "Nor do I doubt but that this country will prove the most valuable acquisition Great Britain ever made."

When Phillip went the country was controlled by lesser men, who parcelled out the land among their friends and captured the country's trade for their own profit; who laughed at Governor Hunter, insulted Governor King, and threw Governor Bligh out of office altogether, all within the space of eighteen years. At this stage, brave old Governor Macquarie stepped upon the scene. With his 73rd regiment to enforce his orders, he took charge on the 1st of January, 1810. Sydney was then "an insignificant village of bark huts and wooden skillings." The streets were unmade tracks. There were no parks; the country was unexplored beyond Emu Plains, and the total population was only 10,000.



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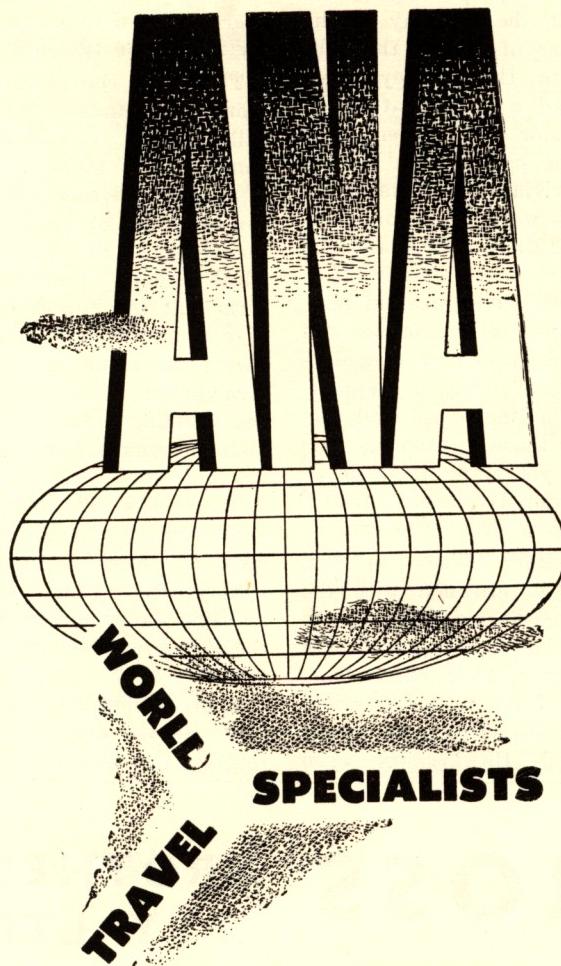
When Macquarie came, Sydney was 22 years old. Hyde Park was then still an open gum-tree forest—the flat top of a ridge, sloping on the east to Woolloomooloo Bay, and on the west to Cockle Bay, the present Darling Harbour. On the north it extended through by Phillip and Macquarie Streets to the vicinity of the present Government House. A stream commenced in Hyde Park near the vicinity of Bathurst Street, and meandered down through the city in a line with Pitt Street, and this provided the town's water supply. Not one of the buildings now in sight from our windows was then in existence, and aborigines were camped around the site of Tattersall's Club.

The proclamation creating Hyde Park was published on October 6th, 1810 nine months after Macquarie landed.

The gallant blades of the 73rd quite early determined to organise race meetings befitting their station, and the officers' mess room was the place appointed for the first assemblage of subscribers, which was held on June 4, 1810. Lieut.-Col. Maurice O'Connell, Thomas Wright, and Francis Williams were appointed stewards, and John Reddington first clerk of the course.

They marked out a race track which follows approximately the present boundaries of Hyde Park, and with the voluntary labour of soldiers and citizens, cleared and burnt off the scrub and timber. Long before it was finished "Gentlemen" were requested to refrain from galloping over it in its unfinished state; in fact, Reddington was obliged to insert public notices to the effect that "Any horse that may be seen in training on the course will not be allowed to start."

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This first race meeting was kicked off in proper style. On August 13, the birthday of the then Prince of Wales, the subscribers to the Sydney Race Course had a dinner, at which the Governor was present, and the evening passed with the utmost conviviality and harmony. The races were fixed for Monday, the 15th October, and the Wednesday and Friday following. All were gazetted public holidays. The course was "completed at a very considerable expense" early in September, and "a Bachelors' Ball was given by those gentlemen who have not yet made their devotion at the Hymeneal Altar," which was a great success.

When Race Week arrived, Sydney was crowded with the greatest gathering that up to that time had ever assembled in the colony. They came from all parts of the settled districts—Parramatta, Prospect, Seven Hills, and Hawkesbury—even

so far outback as the Nepean. Entertainments were given all over the town to welcome country friends to the jubilee.

The whole course can be seen from the windows of Tattersall's Club. The starting and winning post stood at the top of Market Street. The course ran round by St. James' Church, thence past St. Mary's Cathedral along College Street, turned at the corner of Oxford Street and rounded Liverpool Street to come into the long straight of Elizabeth Street to the winning post home. The distance was one and a quarter miles.

There was one race of three heats on the programme each day, a Plate, a Cup, and a Purse, the value being 50 guineas each; other races on the programme were match races.

Capt. Ritchie's Chase won the Plate on the first day, and the Cup on the second; Mr. I. W.'s

bl. h. Scratch won the Purse on the third day.

The feature of the racing was the success of W. C. Wentworth's bay gelding Gig, which on each of the three days of the meeting raced Mr. Broughton's Jerry three miles and won. On the last day this win was recorded after Gig had fallen in the first heat of the Purse owing to a dog getting on to the course, despite the notices exhibited that all dogs found thereon would be shot.

The triumph of the Hawkesbury-trained Scratch in the open race on the last day was received with tumultuous delight by the great crowd who came down from the River settlement. They had backed him to a man, and when he won in two straight heats they marched him at the head of a procession to the Sign of the York Races, in York Street, honouring him with the fraternal embrace, so we are told, and placing him in the centre of an admiring circle, drank to his future success in copious libations.

There were cock fights in nearby houses, and foot races run on the course. One match was for 20 guineas, made by Dicky Dowling, who undertook to carry a 14 stone man on his back for 50 yards before his opponent, a young man, could run over the same course twice. Dicky won by a small margin.

But the outstanding success of the meeting was the Subscribers' Ball, according to the newspaper of the day. Tattersall's Club has never yet seen anything like it.

When the 73rd Regiment left the Colony in 1814, the meetings lapsed for five years. Meetings were held in 1819, 1820 and 1821, and again in 1825, but the 1826 meeting was held near the University.

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# Looking Back on Tattersall's Club

★ December, 1930

SOCIAL activities planned for Christmas and New Year, 1930, included Christmas Day dinner, and Dinner-and-Dance on New Year's Eve. The menu for the dinner on the 25th is shown in full in the magazine; starting with iced melon, members struggled on through a choice of sucking pig or turkey, to Christmas pudding and fresh strawberries and cream. The price?—7/6 a head.

THE Swimming Club was looking forward to the traditional festivities, including the inevitable "Scramble." Monthly point-score trophy for November, 1930, donated by W. W. Hill, went to a new member, J. Smithers. Club champion Hans Robertson was swimming well and just took a challenge from Frank Carberry, in 19 secs. With Hans Robertson, Frank Carberry, Norman Longworth, Pete Hunter, Jack Smithers, Alec Richards and Stan Carroll swimming regularly, the Club was getting ready to challenge all comers, and there was talk of inter-club competitions to be held in the pool.

FOR the Dewar Cup, Stan Carroll was leading by a half-point from Hans Robertson, with Jack Smithers third.

THE Golf Club was also full of activity. On 20th November, 1930, the second competition for the Cup donated by A. C. Ingham was played at Manly.

AT the November bridge party, winners were George Langley and Mrs. J. P. Hannan. In inter-club competition versus the C.T.A. Club, honours were fairly even. We lost the bridge, but halved the games in dominoes, billiards and snooker.

PERSONAL notes of December, 1930: Mr. L. H. Steger was about to leave for a world tour. Bill Longworth was back from overseas. A. N. H. Levy was elected to honorary life membership. John Henderson was back from a tour of Europe, and full of experiences; he relates how he saw the keel laid at Belfast of what was to be the largest ship in the world—an 80,000 tonner. The Chairman, Mr. W. H. Whiddon, was back after a lengthy spell on the sick-list.

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### **DECEMBER**

Sydney Turf Club	.....	Sat.	15
<i>(At Rosehill)</i>			
Australian Jockey Club	.....	Sat.	22
Australian Jockey Club	.....	Wed.	26
Tattersall's Club	.....	Sat.	29
<i>(At Randwick)</i>			

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### **JANUARY**

Tattersall's Club	.....	Tues.	1
<i>(At Randwick)</i>			
Sydney Turf Club	.....	Sat.	5
<i>(At Moorefield)</i>			
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	.....	Sat.	12
Sydney Turf Club	.....	Sat.	19
<i>(At Canterbury Park)</i>			
*Australian Jockey Club	.....	Sat.	26
*Australian Jockey Club	.....	Mon.	28
<i>*(Anniversary Meeting)</i>			

### **FEBRUARY**

Sydney Turf Club	.....	Sat.	2
<i>(At Canterbury Park)</i>			
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	.....	Sat.	9
Sydney Turf Club	.....	Sat.	16
<i>(At Rosehill)</i>			
Sydney Turf Club	.....	Sat.	23
<i>(At Rosehill)</i>			

### **MARCH**

Sydney Turf Club	.....	Sat.	1
<i>(At Canterbury Park)</i>			
A.J.C. (Warwick Farm)	.....	Sat.	8
Sydney Turf Club	.....	Sat.	15
<i>(At Canterbury Park)</i>			
Sydney Turf Club	.....	Sat.	22
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—bad soldier,” and his stringent penalties for principals, seconds and witnesses.

The middle of the nineteenth century saw fencing emerge purely as a sport. The foil, the lightest of swords with no edge and a point protected by a button, allows the demonstration of swordsmanship pure and simple, under conventions and rules like any other sport.

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These are the “lines of engagement,” and each attack calls for alternatives of parry and riposte, which again call for counter-riposte. Just as you could learn the rules and gambits of chess from a book, so you could learn the theory of fencing — and one is just about as complicated as the other. But nothing would teach the skill, the swiftness, the suppleness of wrist and the mental as well as physical agility that make up championship fencing, except

years and years of painstaking practice—allied to natural ability. With some small understanding of the art, to watch champions is a physical and intellectual delight. The rules are simple; after the ceremonial “on guard,” each tries for a hit—a coupe—with all the subtlety and skill at his command, and the rally continues until the call of “touche.”

Apart from foils, there is some competition with the epee, which is the old duelling sword protected by a button. In epee fencing, there is no conventional restriction on where the hit may be made. The third competitive type is the Italian sabre, with which scores may be made with cuts as well as thrusts, but only in conventionally determined body areas. In all the three types of competitive fencing, the faces and other parts of the fencers are protected against accidental injury by masks or leather guards, as well as the button or point d’arret on the end of the weapon.

A final point on the names that fencing has fostered; the part of the duelling sword near the hilt is the forte, the part toward the tip is the foible. So when you say a man is not a bad fellow despite his faults and foibles, you are really comparing him to the varied parts of a duelling sword. Except that if you were a purist you would spell it “fortes” instead of “faults.”

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